



# CITY OF HEATH UPDATE



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**2024**



## RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB TO HOST 2024 INTERNATIONAL SUNFISH CLASS ASSOCIATION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The City of Heath will be on the world stage when Rush Creek Yacht Club hosts the 2024 International Sunfish Class Association World Championship on Lake Ray Hubbard October 12-19.

“Notable sailors from around the globe will compete on the waters of Lake Ray Hubbard during this premier sailing event,” said City of Heath Mayor Jeremiah McClure. “We are proud of Rush Creek Yacht Club for being selected as the host venue out of all the possible venues in the U.S. and other countries, and we are equally proud to be the host City.”

RCYC joins the elite ranks of past and future Worlds host clubs located in countries such as Italy, Peru, Columbia and the Bahamas. The 2024 Worlds will take place in Ecuador in 2025.

“We are honored to be selected as the host for the Sunfish World Championship,” said RCYC Commodore Kenny Wolfe.

“This event brings together the best sailors from around the globe, including eight local sailors from Heath and the surrounding area. We’re excited to provide an exceptional experience for all participants, spectators and our community.”



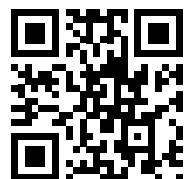
### SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS

Sept 02	.....	Labor Day
Sept 08	.....	Grandparent’s Day
Sept 11	.....	Patriot Day - 9/11

The Opening Ceremony is Sunday, October 13 at 6 p.m., and race days are October 14-16. Heath citizens are invited to watch the sailing from RCYC or the City of Heath’s lakeside Terry Park.

Rush Creek Yacht Club was founded on the shores of Lake Ray Hubbard in 1969 and has since become a landmark for sailing in the U.S. with organized competition for all ages and skill levels. The Youth Sailing Program is one of the only year-round programs in the Dallas area and has produced talented sailors qualifying to compete all over the world, most recently in Belgium.

Learn more about the programs, amenities and membership at [rcyc.org](http://rcyc.org).



# CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION ADDRESSES BUDGET



City Council and staff participated in an extensive work session on August 9 addressing the FY 2024-2025 Annual Budget and a short - and long-term plan for the City's water supply, infrastructure and funding. Other critical capital improvement projects were also addressed. View the meeting agenda and presentation by scanning the QR code above.

The FY 2024-2025 budget process provides numerous opportunities for citizen input including a Public Hearing at the September 10 City Council Meeting. A final budget is scheduled to be adopted by the City Council at its September 26 meeting and will become effective October 1. The proposed budget will be posted in August at [heathtx.com](http://heathtx.com) under the Quick Docs for review.



## SPECIALLY CALLED CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION ANALYZES RECENT WATER BOIL CAUSE

City staff presented a Root Cause Analysis (RCA) regarding the recent failure of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, which is the software that controls the City's water pumps during a Specially Called City Council meeting on July 31. View the presentation on the Water-Wise page of the City website.

### ROOT CAUSE:

A SCADA malfunction on the night of July 24 caused the water pumps that bring water into the City to remain off throughout the night. This allowed the tanks to empty throughout the night. When the water level and pressure are low, it is possible for leaks containing contaminants to enter the system and make the water unsafe to drink. As a result, the City must issue a boil water notice as required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

### SOLUTIONS:

The boil notice was rescinded on July 26, but the incident illustrates the critical importance of investing in the City's infrastructure and water supply to serve citizens now and in the future. This includes immediate action by City staff to update the SCADA system. Information regarding planning efforts including an August 9 Budget/Water Workshop and opportunities for citizens to learn about plans will be posted on the City's website under the news section and on the Water Wise page. Announcements will also be made on the City's social media.

Your water conservation efforts are greatly appreciated as City leadership and staff continue to work towards solutions together.

Follow watering schedules and updates at [heathtx.com/water-wise](http://heathtx.com/water-wise).



# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN HEATH

HOSTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

HEATH FIRE BAY, 200 LAURENCE DRIVE

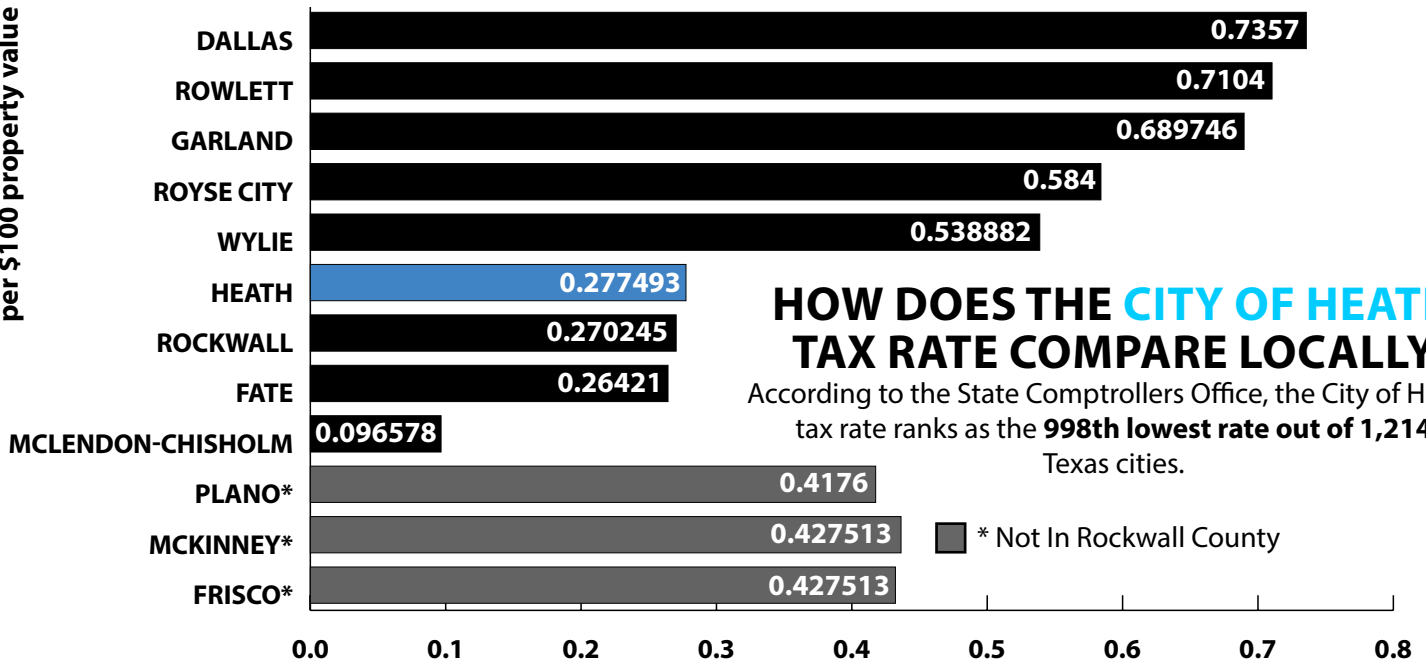


**TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 1  
6-8 P.M.**



- Complimentary Hamburgers, Chips/Drink Served by the In-N-Out Burger Truck
- Free Snow Cones by Kona Ice
- DJ & Music
- Inflatables including a 20' Fire Truck Slide
- Photos with Your DPS Officers, Vehicles, Equipment and Sparky the Mascot!





## HOW DOES THE CITY OF HEATH TAX RATE COMPARE LOCALLY

According to the State Comptrollers Office, the City of Heath tax rate ranks as the **998th lowest rate out of 1,214** Texas cities.

\* Not In Rockwall County

## REMEMBER TO SHOP LOCAL

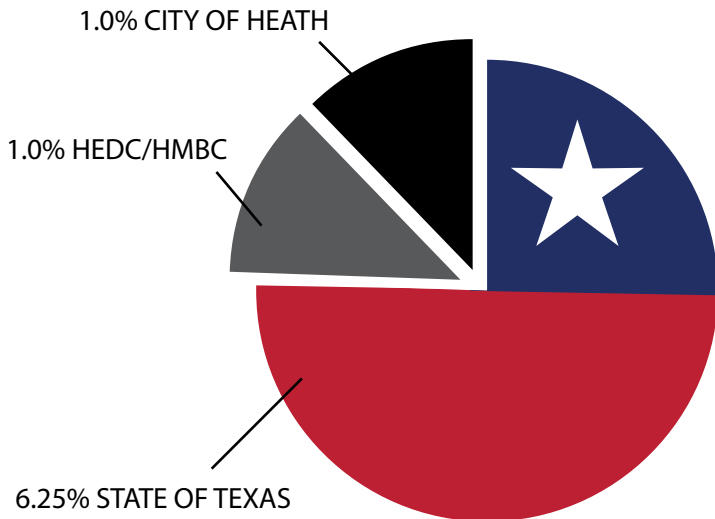
When you spend in Heath, your sales tax dollars remain in Heath!

25% of the annual return is re-invested by the HEDC/HMBC into Heath community and quality of life projects such as park and trail improvements. The HEDC/HMBC also invest in projects that expand the City's sales tax base.



### SALES TAX BREAKDOWN

8.25 cents per dollar you spend on taxable items



## HUBBARD DRIVE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- PHASE 1 COMPLETE
- PHASE 2 COMPLETE
- PHASE 3 RUSH CREEK TO MICHAEL
- PHASE 4 MICHAEL PAST LARRY

The trail from Scenic to Scenic will be complete upon the installation of a handrail and final grading. Grass or seeding will be installed in the fall season.

Phase 3 of the Hubbard Drive Project is the responsibility of the developer of Heath Golf & Yacht Club.

Phase 3 plans have been revised by the developer and its engineer and reviewed and approved by City staff.

The developer and its design engineer are developing a Phase 3 schedule including start and completion dates to publish to residents.

City staff have asked the developer and engineer to check the possibility of bidding and starting Phase 4 while Phase 3 is under construction for a faster completion of the entire project.

Phase 4 is the responsibility of the City and must be competitively bid by state law.

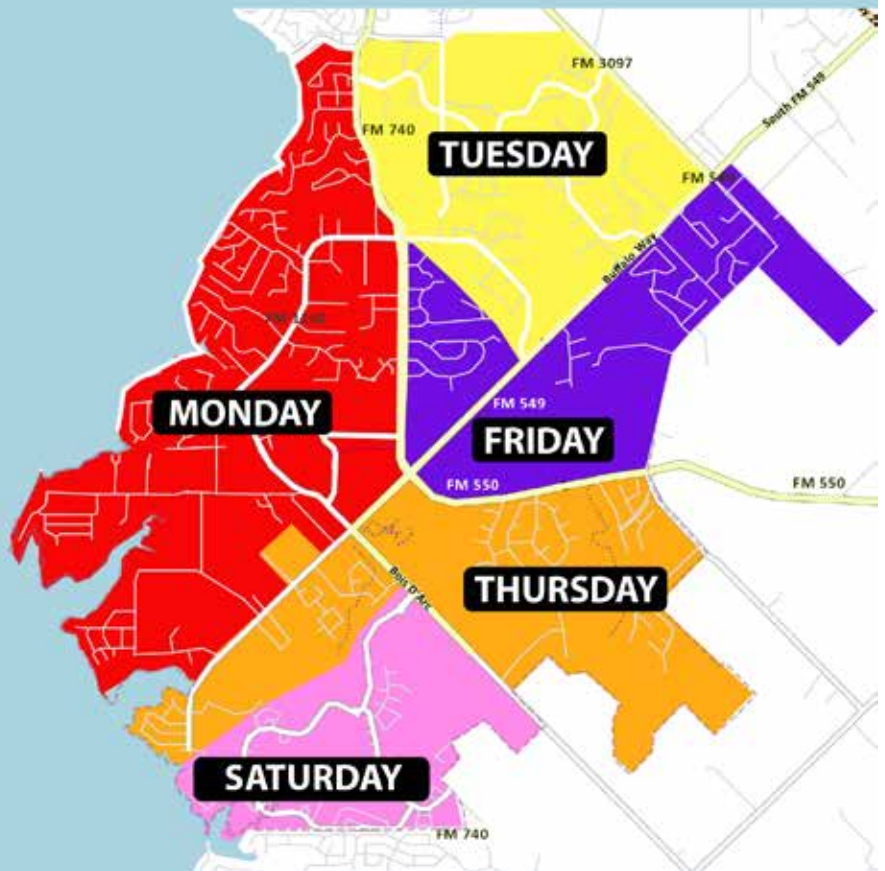
For more construction updates visit the City website and enter "construction updates" in the main search box, or scan the QR code.





## STAGE 2 IRRIGATION DAY

- Landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems at each service address is limited to **ONCE PER WEEK ON YOUR DESIGNATED DAY**.
- Foundations, trees and other plantings may be watered any day with soaker or handheld hoses.
- Irrigation systems or sprinklers, may NOT be used any day between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Restrictions are mandatory and violations are subject to fines.



Find current restrictions, daily water use trends and helpful resources at [heathtx.com/water-wise](http://heathtx.com/water-wise).

## TEXAS SMARTSCAPE TIPS: WATERING & MOWING YOUR LAWN IN THE SUMMER

- Landscapes only require approximately one inch of water every 5 to 10 days, even in the hottest summer. The shallow roots promoted by over-watering a landscape make it more vulnerable to heat, cold, pests, diseases and future drought conditions.
- Less water will be lost to evaporation if you water your lawn in the early morning or late at night when breezes calm, and temperatures are lower. (That is why the City of Heath's water restrictions prohibit watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.)
- Mow high during hot, dry weather. Higher grass develops stronger roots and shades the soil to help it retain moisture.
- The recommended summer mowing height for most grass types in North Texas is 4 inches, or roughly 1/2 inch higher than normal. Additionally, mow the grass regularly enough so that you never remove more than one-third of the length of the grass blades.
- Keep mower blades sharp. Mowing with a dull lawn mower blade adds to the summer stress on the grass. Dull blades tear the grass instead of cutting it, which leaves the grass vulnerable to pests and diseases.
- Fertilizing your grass in the summer increases the risk of nitrogen burn. It is best to fertilize your lawn in the spring to prepare for summer heat, and in the fall to prepare for winter cold.
- Leave grass clippings on your lawn; they make a great natural fertilizer by returning nutrients to your soil.
- If you use a blower, blow the clippings back onto your lawn, not down the street and into the storm drain where the clippings will cause storm water pollution.

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Find more resources, tips and ideas for growing and maintaining a beautiful drought tolerant landscape at Texas Smartscape.

**CALL EMERGENCY: 911 | NON-EMERGENCY UTILITY/AFTER HOURS: 972.771.7724**